

This Master's degree thesis entitled "The main principles of liability for damage in civil law" is concerned with the general matters and principles of the legal regulation of liability for damage. The purpose of this study is to apprise the readers of the main principles of liability for damage, to explain the existing legal regulation of this institute and to point out to the extensive judicial practice in this legal area, which supplements the effective legal regulation in a considerable extent. The thesis focuses on the legal regulation of liability for damage contained in Act No. 40/1964 Coll., the Civil Code, and doesn't deal with the different legal regulation of liability for damage, which is included in the Commercial Code or in the Labour Code.

In the present-day society causing harms is practically a day-to-day part of our lives. On the basis of this fact the institute of liability for damage is a frequently occurring, broad and interesting area of law. This is also the reason, why I chose this topic and why I want to clarify it to the readers.

This thesis is composed of seven chapters, which focus on the most important issues concerned with liability for damage. The first chapter contains an explanation of the term of liability for damage and a general explanation of the legal regulation of liability included in the Civil Code. Chapter two describes the general assumptions of liability for damage. The third chapter focuses on the principle of prevention, which is one of the most important principles applied not only in the legal regulation of liability but also in private law as a whole. Chapter four discusses the principle of reparation, which lays down full compensation of damage caused on one's property, and the principle of satisfaction, on the basis of which appropriate compensation of harm caused on someone's health or life can be provided. The fifth chapter of this study outlines joint liability in the case of damage caused by more liable persons. Chapter six explains the contributory fault of the harmed person in the act of causing harm. The last seventh chapter contains the explanation of the extent and the method of compensation of damage caused on person's property and explains also the method of compensation of harm inflicted upon one's health or life.

The main aim of this thesis is to discuss the essential issues of liability for damage in Czech system of law and to explain the important terms, which are not defined in legal statutes, in compliance with the judicial practice of Czech courts. As the institute of liability for damage has been always an inseparable part of Czechoslovak and later also Czech legal system, there are many judicial decision that can be used in the explanation of liability for damage.